

MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF THE  
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION  
March 14, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Traffic and Parking Commission was held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2011, at the M H Howard Conference Center. The following were present unless noted otherwise:

Commission Members

Richard Fletcher, Vice Chairperson- Absent  
Feller Brown - Absent  
Breonus Mitchell Sr.  
Kathy Austin  
Gene Ward

Richard Morin  
John Green - Absent  
Capt. Randall Hickerson  
Council Member Carl Burch

Staff Members

Korby Bowden, Engineering Tech II  
Corey Harkey, Legal Advisor  
Julie Herring, CNT  
Chip Knauf, Traffic Engineer

Mark Macy, Engineering Director  
Diane Marshall, Parking Administrator  
Benny Word, Collier Engineering

Council Members

Council Member Duane Dominy

Council Member-At-Large Charlie Tygard

Guests

Amy Burch

Charlotte Woods

Commission voted to appoint Commissioner Mitchell "Pro-Tem" Chair. Acting Chair Breonus Mitchell Sr. called the meeting of March 14, 2011 to order at 3:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chair Breonus Mitchell Sr. mentioned Ordinance No. BL2006-1050 regarding the appeals process of the Traffic and Parking Commission.

*"If you are not satisfied with a decision made by the Traffic & Parking Commission, you may appeal the decision by filing for a writ of certiorari with the Davidson County Chancery or Circuit Court. Your appeal must be filed within 60 days of the date of the entry of the Commission's decision. We advise that you seek your own independent legal advice to ensure that your appeal is filed in a timely manner and that all procedural requirements have been met."*

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Dick Morin moved for **approval** of the Agenda, seconded by Council Member Burch and **approved with no opposition**.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council Member Carl Burch moved for approval of the February 14, 2011 Minutes, seconded by Mr. Dick Morin **approved by voice vote with no opposition**.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Acting Vice Chair Breonus Mitchell Sr. read a list of items proposed for **approval** on consent agenda.

### **1. RESOLUTION 11-03: - consent agenda**

- Authorize all way stop on:
  - Wyntergrace Farms Rd. at Remington Park Dr.
  - Trimble Rd. at Colewood
- Authorize Stop at:
  - Hickory View Court at Rice Rd
  - Lathan Ct at Youngs Ln

## **REPORTS**

1. Parking – *on consent agenda*
2. Engineering – *on consent agenda*
3. Accepted Roadway Report– *on consent agenda*

Mr. Gene Ward made a motion to approve seconded by Mr. Dick Morin and **approved by a 6-0 vote**.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Appeal the denial of an all way stop at Apollo Drive and Jason Drive, requested by Curt Acuff (Deferred at February Meeting)

Mr. Knauf stated that Commission had deferred this item for one month so the staff could look into some traffic calming ideas. Council Member Dominy and Mr. Word met and came up with some traffic calming solutions

Council Member Duane Dominy stated that he met with Mr. Word and Amy Burch along with about 30 residents from the Apollo Drive Area. The traffic calming plan including the new stops was presented at the meeting and the stops were approved unanimously by the residents who attended the meeting. He agreed that the traffic calming plan in a whole was perceived well and that the residents are looking forward to these changes

Council Member Burch wanted to clarify that the original request to remove the stop sign at Una Antioch was denied and that that stop sign would remain as is.

Mr. Knauf confirmed that the stop at Apollo and Una Antioch would remain as is.

Mr. Knauf wants to deny the stop sign at Jason Dr. and approve the two new stops at Manatee Ct and Barclay Square. As agreed to at Neighborhood meeting.

Council Member Burch made a motion to deny the stop at Jason Dr., seconded by Mr. Morin and **approved with no opposition.**

Council Member Burch made a motion to approve the stop at Manatee Ct. at Apollo Dr. seconded by Mr. Ward and **approved with no opposition.**

Council Member Burch made a motion to approve the stop at Barclay Square at Apollo Dr. seconded by Mr. Morin and **approved with no opposition.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ordinance NO. BL2010-825- Request to provide free parking for vehicle owners that purchase carbon offsets. Sponsored by Charlie Tygard.

Mr. Knauf explained that this is a bill to provide free parking in the Central Business District to those who are registered for the carbon offset program. Mr. Knauf said that it is available to all vehicles eligible in Davidson County. This bill is similar to the Green Vehicle Bill that was passed a few months ago. He noted that they will have the same enforcement issues trying to enforce the time limit on the free parking.

Council Member Tygard states that this bill will mirror the Green Technology Bill. He stated that the Green Technology bill towards the high end cars which may not be available to everyone, that he wanted to be able to provide to those who do not have the Green Technology Vehicles. He states that this will be a two year pilot program to test out how everything goes. He noted that the sticker would be administered the same way that the Green Technology vehicle sticker will be.

Mr. Ward stated that he was not in favor of the bill; and said that his concern is that we will not be able to enforce it.

Council Member Tygard stated that he thought a majority of the council could work this out and that the benefits from this would out way the enforcement in the longevity of things.

Council Member Burch agrees with Commissioner Ward. He asked if there was a general fund already set up for this, or is this something that we will have to create.

Council Member Tygard stated that the cities who have this incorporated right now, have two different ways they split the money up. He notes that he has not heard back from the Mayor's office to see which one they prefer. He states that one would be a public works administered fund and the other would be a not for profit organization that would distribute the funds to where they are needed.

Council Member Burch said he thinks its important that we identify this before the commission makes the decision to vote on this.

Ms. Austin asked if the money would be earmarked for administrative costs?

Council Member Tygard stated that the money goes into a fund, and they will figure in the administrative cost.

Ms. Austin stated that the clean technology bill was structured so that half went to administration and the other half would go to Public Works.

Council Member Tygard stated that this would mirror the Clean Technology Bill.

Ms. Austin asked if these details would be in the amended bill.

Council Member Tygard confirmed that they would be.

Acting Vice Chair closed the public hearing.

Council Member Burch stated that he was in favor of this.

Mr. Dick Morin asked Mr. Knauf what was Public Works stand on this.

Mr. Knauf stated that he will have to wait to see the amended version of this bill before Public Works makes any decisions. He noted with the bill as is, he would not feel comfortable approving this bill. He stated that he would like to look at the amendments and come back and talk about it.

Mr. Morin stated he would like to defer this for the next meeting.

Mr. Morin made a motion to defer for a maximum of two months and seconded by Council Member Burch and **approved with no opposition.**

2. Proposal No. 2011M-002AB-001- Request to abandon portions of Chestnut Street And Humphreys adjacent to property located at 477 Chestnut Street and to retain the Easements contained therein. Requested by Leslie Brown (District 17, Sandra Moore).

Mr. Knauf stated that Public Works is not in favor of this request primarily because there are utility poles on the sidewalk. In the future Public Works may plan to move utility poles out of the path of travel. He also noted that Chestnut St. is a collector street, that this easement could potentially be used to widen the roadway. If Public Works were to abandon that piece of property these changes could not occur.

Council Member Burch asked Council Member Moore for her opinion.

Council Member Moore agreed with the disapproval of this request.

Ms. Austin made a motion to deny the request, seconded by Mr. Morin and **approved by a 6-0 hand vote.**

3. Request to provide complimentary parking for 120 spaces for the 3rd Annual Youth Activities and Job Readiness Fair on Saturday March 19, 2011 from the hours of 9 AM till 1:00 PM at the Library Garage.

Ms. Marshall stated that any request for free or reduced rate parking needs Commission approval.

Council Member Moore stated that the complimentary parking is for the volunteers who are sponsoring a youth job readiness fair. This is to help youth learn the skills that will be needed throughout life in the everyday work environment.

Charlotte Woods, Coordinator of Youth Readiness Job Fair, states that she is the coordinator for this event and that it is to benefit the youth and is a not for profit organization. She noted that the event moved the location due to the overwhelming turnout that the job fair had last year, and because of that they need additional volunteers totaling 120. She stated that the Volunteers are asked to arrive at 8 am and should be finished around 1pm.

Mr. Morin suggested that the parking time be extended until 3:00 pm to allow time for breakdown after the event.

Mr. Morin made a motion to approve the request from 8 am until 3 pm, seconded by Mr. Ward.

**Resolution No. 11-03:** The August monthly regulatory Resolution was previously approved under the Consent Agenda and Other Business

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Traffic and Parking Commission Resolution No. 11-03 authorized by Chapter 9 of the Charter of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee as amended.

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Traffic and Parking Commission of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee as follows:

SECTION I: That Chapter 12 of said Metropolitan Code, said Chapter being entitled 'Vehicles and Traffic' is amended as follows:

6. Schedule VI, 'Stop and Yield Intersections'

ADD:

stop on Hickory View Ct at Rice Rd

Stop on Lathan Ct at Youngs Lane

Stop on Raider Ridge Court at Raider Ridge Dr.

all way stop on Trimble at Colewood

All Way Stop on Wyntergrace Farms Rd. at Remington Park Dr.

7. Schedule VII, 'Parking Restrictions'

Section A: Stopping, Standing, or Parking Prohibited

ADD:

Darlene Dr., both sides from Colemont to Bart Dr., NP from 7-9 and 4-6 Monday  
thru Friday

SECTION II. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be published in a daily newspaper in Metropolitan Nashville/Davidson County, Tennessee and that a certified copy be filed with the Chief of Police of the Metropolitan Police Department, and that a certified copy be filed with the Metropolitan clerk, and that said Resolution take effect five (5) days thereafter.

APPROVED: March 14, 2011

EFFECTIVE: March 19, 2011

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The above mentioned Resolution items were previously approved under the Consent Agenda.

### OTHER BUSINESS

#### Elections.

Mr. Morin made a motion to defer, seconded by Council Member Burch and **approved by a 6-0 voice vote.**

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Capt. Hickerson moved to **adjourn**, seconded by Green **approved by voice vote with no opposition.** The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Approved on this the 11th day of April, 2011.

  
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Director  
Department of Public Works

  
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Chairperson  
Traffic and Parking Commission